

**Wireless 911 Advisory Board Meeting  
May 30, 2006  
Nebraska Public Service Commission Library  
300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street  
Lincoln, NE 68506**

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board meeting met on May 30, 2006, at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Library, Nebraska Public Service Commission in Lincoln.

**Meeting was called to order** at 12:08 p.m.

**Roll Call and Members present**

Sheriff Neil Miller  
Issac Brown  
Pete Peterson  
Bill McLarty  
Bill Ashburn  
Virginia Vance  
Larry Lavelle  
Mark Conrey  
Commissioner Jerry Vap  
Brenda Decker (Absent)  
Mark Masterton (on video-link from Scottsbluff)

Also present from the Commission were: Jeff Pursley, Andy Pollock, Tyler Frost, Joan Raffety, Brandy Zierott, Angela Melton, Anne Bogus, Brenda Wicken.

Members of the Public or industry present were: Julie Righter, Lincoln 911; Larry Dix, NACO; Stacen Gross, GeoComm; Larry Zink, Department of Communications; Jack Robertshaw, Viaero Wireless; Sheriff Woodgate, Kearney County PSAP, Marcus Tooze, GIS Workshop.

**New Member to Board** - Commissioner Jerry Vap introduced Larry Lavelle to the Advisory Board as its most recent addition.

**No Emergency Agenda Items**

**Approval of Agenda**-Motion to approve made by Neil Miller. Bill McLarty seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion carries.

Chairman Mark Masterson turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Neil Miller.

**Consideration of approval of minutes from last meeting**-Bill Ashburn moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Issac Brown seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

## **No Correspondence**

**Introduction of Jeff Pursley-**Commissioner Jerry Vap introduced Director Jeff Pursley to the Advisory Board. Jeff Pursley addressed the Advisory Board.

**Review of Advisory Board meeting Role and Duties and Expense Reimbursement-**Angela Melton distributed the handout 'Role of the Advisory Board.' She briefly explained her role as Liaison to the Advisory Board and Commission. Brenda Wicken, Commission Business Manager, reviewed the Commission Expense Reimbursement Policy with the Advisory Board, and provided handouts.

**Update Regarding Request for Extension of RFP pricing** – Angela Melton distributed a sample letter mailed out to “vendors of choice” regarding: expiration of prices offered in the responses to the Wireless E911 Request for Proposal. Discussion followed. All replies to the letter were due back to the Commission by June 1, 2006.

**Update on LB 1222 implementation-**Angela Melton informed the Advisory Board of the process the Commission would follow regarding the implementation of LB 1222. She mentioned that there would be a three-tiered process. An Interim Policy will be developed to handle pending applications and funding requests; a docket will be opened to determine a permanent funding mechanism and fully implement LB1222 and there will be a rule and regulation docket opened to incorporate these changes. Ms. Melton advised that the Commission would have the timeline developed by the next meeting and it would be circulated. Discussion followed.

Arrival of Larry Zink and Marcus Tooze: (12:55)

**Presentation of GIS Repository-** Marcus Tooze of GIS Workshop gave a presentation to the Board regarding the GIS Repository. Discussion followed. Concerns were discussed about how much public access was appropriate to the Repository. Ms. Melton added that an updated GIS Repository status report would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**Discussion of Approved Phase 1 costs and Projection of Surcharge Receipts and Access Lines-**Joan Raffety provided the Advisory Board with costs which had been approved to date in the program. Tyler Frost made a presentation to the Advisory Board regarding the projection of surcharge receipts. Discussion followed.

**Meeting Break:** 2:55 p.m.–3:09 p.m.

**Consideration of New Funding Requests-**Vice-Chair Neil Miller called the meeting back to order at 3:09 and went down the Agenda to Consideration of New Funding Requests.

Julie Righter, Lincoln 911, presented a request for funding from the City of Lincoln asking for reimbursement of an annual maintenance fee for their Vesta Pallas Phone System in the amount of \$30,163. Discussion was had.

Vice-Chair Neil Miller pointed out the need for a standard formula for reimbursement. Commissioner Jerry Vap asked Angela Melton to confirm that the E911 Fund was just for Wireless usage.

Ginny Vance pointed out that the maintenance would be provided for both wireline and wireless. Neil Miller said it would be useful to obtain the percentage of wireless phone calls and make payment as part of a 'formula.' Ginny Vance mentioned to the Board that the State of Nebraska on average had 60 percent wireless call volume. Commissioner Jerry Vap pointed out to the Board that the funding decision should reflect the Fund's position of only paying out for wireless and wireless equipment.

Issac Brown made the motion to set the reimbursement rate at 60 percent for the wireless and not reimburse the 40 percent for wireline costs by the Fund with an annual review "of the percentage of wireless versus wireline telephone calls. Bill McLarty seconded. Roll call vote was called with all present voting Aye. Motion carries.

Julie Righter, Lincoln 911, presented the Advisory Board with a request for funding for an annual maintenance fee for an Orion MapStar/Map Manager of \$16,229. Motion made by Bill McLarty to pay the maintenance. Mark Conrey seconded. Discussion followed. Bill Ashburn made motion to table the matter. Seconded by Mark Conrey. Roll call vote was called with all ayes and Bill McLarty opposing.

Julie Righter, Lincoln, 911, presented a request for funding for an Orion MapStar/Map Manager; Orion MapStar CAD interface; and a PSSI interface to MapStar totaling \$244,696. Issac Brown made the motion to table the request. Ginny Vance seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion carried with one opposing. The request was considered a Phase II request. Julie Righter will be notified when the Commission is looking at Phase II requests.

Sheriff Woodgate, Kearney County, presented a request for funding to the Advisory Board. Sheriff Woodgate explained that Kearney County was ready to receive Phase II calls. He explained that Kearney County was forced to replace all equipment in their 911 center due to the fact that it was old, the maintenance would be ending for this equipment at the end of the year and they were in jeopardy of the equipment breaking down and being unfixable. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Pete Peterson to pay the request for funding in the amount of \$70,044. Bill Ashburn seconded. The portion of the request for funding for mapping was tabled. Bill McLarty abstained from voting due to being absent during discussion. Roll Call Vote. Motion carries with one abstaining.

**Discussion of Phase 1 and II Testing Standards**-Discussion was a carryover from last meeting regarding the adoption of the NENA standards and rules for testing standards. Discussion was had. Mark Conrey discussed the importance of having correct data and

the possibility of setting some standards for verification of data accuracy. Larry Lavelle mentioned that he thought the standard itself would be easy to write but that the education of the users would need to be considered. It was determined that the NENA standards for testing were useful, but there was a need for better database standards with accurate, consistent information supplied by the LEC database.

Bill Ashburn made a motion to adopt the NENA testing guidelines as a standard for Phase II implementation. Neil Miller seconded for purpose of discussion. Joan Raffety was to provide more information to the Board and collect information from other states regarding data quality standards and verification. Commissioner Jerry Vap stressed accuracy across the board.

Mark Conrey stressed that PSAP preparation for the PSAP manager to ensure accuracy for standards. It was mentioned that the Public Service Commission Technical Specialist would be able to go out to the PSAPs when they are testing to assist the PSAPs. Mark Conrey stressed the importance of the step before testing. Issac Brown suggested putting together a pre-test checklist. Commissioner Jerry Vap suggested adopting a pre-testing requirement. Mark Conrey mentioned that certain PSAPs would have to be trained to a higher standard due to inaccurate database tests. Motion carries unanimously.

**Discussion /Consideration of Funding of Back-up Centers** was tabled to the next meeting as an agenda item.

**Review and consideration of funding for Douglas County 911 Equipment** was tabled to the next meeting as an agenda item.

**Consideration of Subcommittees** was tabled to the next meeting as an agenda item.

**Schedule of Next Meeting:** The next meeting date will be either June 26 or 28, 2006. The Advisory Board would be informed.

It was decided that everything would be moved to next meeting with the addition of the surcharge agenda item from Angela Melton.

**Adjourn** –Neil Miller adjourned the meeting at 4: 56 p.m.